

Broken Things

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We cast **broken** things aside and consider them useless. However, God casts aside the **unbroken** things because they are useless until He breaks them that they may become useful. The Bible is a book of **broken** things.

In Genesis we have a **broken** fellowship-sin marred the fellowship between man and God.

In Exodus, we see a **broken** law-while the commandments were in the makings, they were also in the breaking.

In Judges, we read of an army of three hundred men with **broken** pitchers who gained the victory over an enemy that outnumbered them. David in Psalm 51:17 learned the value of a **broken** and contrite heart-"*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.*"

In all four gospel accounts, we have the common miracle of the **broken** loaves and fish in the hands of the Master which fed 5,000 men besides women and children.

In Mark, there is the record of a **broken** roof through which a paralytic was let down and received healing from the Lord along with the incident of the **broken** alabaster box which Mary used to anoint the Savior for his burial.

In Luke, Simon Peter's net is **broken** because of the multitude of fishes in his net.

In Acts, **broken** pieces of the ship on which Paul and the crew were saved after shipwreck, brought them safely to Malta-a great miracle of Divine providence.

The entire Bible speaks of a pierced Savior who gave His life to redeem the world. Wonder of wonders, though He was disfigured on Calvary's cross, not one of His bones was **broken**.

There are two Sauls in the Word of God-both from the tribe of Benjamin. The first Saul was anointed king over Israel and received a kingly crown. But because he refused to be **broken** and repentant over his transgressions, he lost his crown and committed suicide. The second Saul from Tarsus who became the great apostle Paul was knocked down off the Damascus road by the power of the glorified Christ because of his fierce pride as a Pharisee and his hatred of Christians. It is a **broken** blinded Saul who enters Damascus as a child leaning on the arms of others.

The first Saul made a sad confession as he came to the end of his earthly life-"*I have played the fool*" (1 Samuel 6:21)

As the second Saul faced martyrdom, he too made a confession that was startling. "*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge, shall give me at that day.*" (2 Timothy 4:7-8) The latter Saul was willing to be **broken** and he was privileged to gain a crown.

Isaiah expresses this theme in his book, Chapter 57 and verse 15. "*For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.*"

God uses **broken** vessels to bring blessings to others. What may seem a tragedy, the Lord can turn into triumph. Remember...

Nothing but sunshine only brings a desert.

More fruit grows in the valley than on the mountaintop. The most fruitful lives are those who have been in God's school of **broken** things.